Danube Discovery Cruise & Stay
aboard ms Serenity
including Vienna & Budapest

From the water to the riverbank, see some of the greatest sights graced by the blue Danube as we cruise from Germany to Hungary and step ashore for a three-night stay in the heart of Budapest. Enjoy Austrian and Slovakian treasures in between, where you can wander the cobbled streets of Melk, gaze at the flawless beauty of the Wachau valley, lose yourself in the waltzes and whirls of Vienna and discover the baroque wonderland of Bratislava. On arrival in Budapest – the ‘pearl of the Danube’ – we stay for three nights in a riverside hotel, giving you the freedom to come and go as you please and really experience the delights of this architectural paradise.

Day 1: UK – Munich (Rail)
We journey aboard Eurostar from St Pancras International to Brussels and continue to Munich where we check in at our overnight hotel.

Day 2: Munich – Budapest (Rail) / UK – Budapest (Air)
After breakfast we continue to Budapest and check in at the 4 star Novotel Hotel, which overlooks the Danube and the Parliament building on the Buda side of the city. It has all the facilities you would expect for a modern city centre hotel and is in the perfect location for you to really experience the Hungarian culture, with the freedom to come and go as you please. Those travelling by air join today.

Day 3 & 4: Budapest
Over the next two days you have plenty of time to explore Budapest. To help get your bearings, you could start by joining our optional city tour, which introduces you to some of the most prominent highlights of the city known as the pearl of the Danube. These include the 700-year-old Matthias Church, Parliament building – a magnificent example of neo-gothic architecture, and Buda Castle, which rises 48 metres above the river.

Day 5: Budapest
This afternoon we join our ship and settle ourselves onboard as we begin cruising along the Danube.

Day 6: Bratislava
Wake up in Bratislava, the historic capital of Slovakia which is dominated by its castle. There’s also the unique suspension bridge, another key landmark, announced as the building of the century when it opened in 1972. Join our optional guided tour to take in the main sights and experience the rich culture in and around the old town before our ship cruises towards Vienna.

Day 7: Vienna
We spend a full day experiencing the delights of Vienna, where grand palaces, baroque castles, magnificent squares and striking monuments are just some of many highlights. In the morning you can join our optional city tour and in the afternoon we have an optional excursion to Schönbrunn Palace, which takes you on a journey through time as we explore some of the 1,441 rooms. You also have the option to see this beautiful city lit up at night, before we cast off later this evening.

Day 8: Melk
Later this morning we arrive in the Austrian town of Melk, which is lined with cobbled streets and attractive buildings. It is also overlooked by one of the most splendid monastic houses in Austria – the Benedictine Abbey, which you can visit on our optional excursion. We continue cruising upriver towards Passau.

Day 9: Passau – Munich (Rail) – UK (Air)
This morning we bid farewell to our captain and his crew and set off according to your chosen travel option. Those travelling by rail take their return flight from Munich back to the UK. Those travelling by rail take the train to Munich for an overnight stay.

Day 10: Munich – UK (Rail)
We set off this morning by rail for our return journey to the UK.

YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES
BY RAIL
- Premium Eurostar from London St Pancras
- Coach transfers between station and ship
- Four nights half board hotel accommodation
- Four nights cruise on a full board basis
BY AIR
- Return flights from Heathrow or Manchester (confirmed subject to charge and availability and will be confirmed at the time of booking)
- Coach transfers between airport and ship
- Three nights half board hotel accommodation
- Four nights cruise on a full board basis

To make your own way to the ship please see pages 62-63.

HOLIDAY PRICES
Tour code: DDISC

| Code | Days | Coach | Train | Air | Air with | Rail
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| DDISC | 8 |     |      |     |         |      |
| DDISC | 10 |     |      |     |         |      |

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